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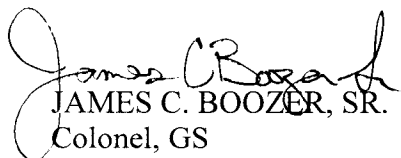
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SUBJECT: Dental Readiness

This memorandum expires in 1 year.

1. Dental readiness is fundamental to maintaining unit readiness and reducing noncombat dental casualties during deployments. Data from previous conflicts dating back 40 years indicate that Soldiers who deploy in a healthy dental status are much less likely to become incapacitated due to oral disease. For this reason, units—especially those preparing to deploy—must ensure all their Soldiers have current dental examinations.
2. The DOD standard for unit dental readiness is 95 percent. Unfortunately, not all USAREUR units meet this standard. Commanders are strongly encouraged to check their unit's dental readiness in the Medical Protection System (MEDPROS) at <https://apps.meds.army.mil/medpros/secured/>. Commanders of units that do not meet the DOD standard must take steps to improve their unit dental-readiness status.
3. Dental readiness is critical to mission accomplishment. Soldiers who develop acute oral conditions such as toothaches or infections while deployed have a serious effect on mission accomplishment. Therefore, Soldiers who are being assigned or likely to be assigned to combat areas or deployed in support of operations other than war are given top priority for predeployment dental examinations and treatment.
4. The United States Army Europe Regional Dental Command will coordinate with supported units so that dental-readiness requirements can be met with minimal disruption to unit training and mission accomplishment. Units may arrange for dental examinations and treatment at their servicing dental clinic.

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